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ABSTRACT

This brief survey of the field of psycholinguistics is intended for both students and anyone interested in language. It contains a summary overview of the main features of this area of language study: scope and principles of inquiry; basic concerns; and key concepts. Chapter topics include: language acquisition (first words, the birth of grammar, evidence or the innateness of language ability, linguistic creativity, stages of linguistic development); language production (conceptualization, formulation, articulation, self-monitoring); comprehension (of sounds, words, sentences, texts); and language loss (neurolinguistics and language loss, speech and language disorders). A section on related readings offers suggestions for further study for each chapter. A reference section (24 references) is also keyed to chapter topics. A glossary is included. (MSE)

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